Potable water to Adivasi areas of Maharashtra

†1679. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and inaccessible Adivasi areas of Maharashtra where sufficient potable water is not available;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to provide potable water in these villages and inaccessible Adivasi areas;

(c) whether adequate financial provisions have been made for resolving the problem of potable water in the country during the current financial year 2003-04: and

(d) the details of the amount of financial assistance earmarked for Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) As per the report received from Government of Maharashtra, Drinking Water facility coverage status of the rural habitations of Maharashtra as per the prescribed norms is as under:—

Type of Coverage	No. of Habitations
Not Covered	506
Partially Covered	25916
Fully Covered	59508
TOTAL	85930

(b) to (d) Water is a State subject. Primarily, it is the responsibility of State Governments to provide drinking water facility to rural habitations. Government of India extends financial assistance to States to supplement their efforts in this direction. For the current financial

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year, the total Budget allocation for Rural Water Supply, Sector under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is Rs. 2585.00 crore. The amount allocated and released (so far) to Government of Maharashtra, during 2003-2004, for allocation baseu component of ARWSP is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Component	Amount Allocated	Amount Released
ARWSP (Normal)	15710.00	785.00
Three Programmes of PM	3673.34	1836.67
Swajaldhara	2172.15	0.00

Besides the above, Rs. 2756.05 lakh has also been released for Sector Reform Projects. Further, State Governments are required to utilize funds from State Resources for Rural Drinking Water Supply Sector. All the States have been requested to draw up action plans to cover all the remaining Not Covered and Partially Covered habitations during the current financial year and mobilize all resources to achieve this objective.

Steps for making SGSY effective

1680. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the assisted individual families and self-help Group under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in Andhra Pradesh and other Southern States during last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of income generating assets created in each State during the said period; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to make SGSY more effective and productive in Southern India?